Winter Adds to Allies' Burdens

Its Inevitable Hardships for Fighting Men Are Now Being Felt.

ON THE WESTERN FRONT — The Allied armies that whipped the hedgerows of Normandy, stayed on the Germans heels in a hare-and-hounds pursuit through northern France and Belgium and then won the battles of the windy, rain-lashed canals of Holland now are facing an opponent new to them but familiar to the Germans: Winter and its inevitable hardships for fighting men.

The Allies experienced the preliminary stages of winter in the final phases of their fight to clear the Schelde estuary and bring up the line to the south bank of the Maas river. Driving cold rain, interspersed with sleet, has already fallen. It will continue in the months to come with snow and frost, and the few intervals of sunshine will be treasures.

For the bulk of Allied officers these are new conditions under which to conduct a campaign, and for most of the men there will be harder work and a greater strain on supply forces.

Early End Not Expected.

On the basis of the makeup of the German troops encountered thus far, the remaining Nazi divisions are certain to be built on a solid framework of commanders and men who participated in at least one of the three great winter campaigns in Russia and who know what the weather requires of them.

Right or wrong, few of the Allies here now are looking for an early end of the European war. The general view of the fighting men coincides with Prime Minister Churchill's recent warning that the war may carry on to Easter or beyond.

The Germans have been fighting determinedly on the defensive and the lengthening lines of Allied supply have forced a slower advance.

It still remains to be seen if the Germans' reorganized and refortified defenses form a thin coat disguising a hollow or partly rotten core or whether they are solid right through. In either case, there is little doubt the crust itself may be difficult and costly to crack.

Decisive Months Ahead.

"The next few months certainly will be interesting and also should be decisive," said an armored force officer, whose men have been in the fight against the Germans as long as any others in the entire Eisenhower command.

"The rate at which our troops adapt themselves to new problems and difficulties, which the winter campaign will involve, may settle the rapidity with which the war is concluded on the western front.

"The German veterans are past masters of all the tricks of winter warfare. We still have to learn. It will be interesting to see what sort of pupils our troops prove to be."

In the miserable terrain of the Dutch lowlands, where the German floodings and constant rains have made everything but dikes and built-up roads impassable, and where progress on the roads is painfully comparable to a line of silhouetted ducks in a shooting gallery, armor is only of limited value.

The Germans, with their passion for using tanks as dug-in pillboxes, have the edge.

In western Germany, however, the land is better suited for armor and for the maneuvering tactics in which the Allied armored forces have proved superior to the enemy.

Russia Pays Honor to Four Great Women Fliers

MOSCOW.—The role women play in the Red air force was illustrated in the announcement of the award of the title Hero of the Soviet Union to four women fliers from 20 to 25 years of age.

They were Major Evdokia Dikuliecа, who, a citation said, took part in 800 sorties at night; Captain Maria Smirnova, who flew 3,200 sorties, 803 of them at night; Lieutenant Evdokia Pasko, a navigator who flew 780 sorties, and Lieutenant Evgenia Rudneva, a navigator who participated in 3,500 sorties before being killed.

Amount of Cash Spent On Beer Amazes Town

GREAT WYRLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE, ENG. — Staggered by statistics and not by their drinking, the residents of this village have learned that they spend approximately 25,000 pounds annually on beer.

The men blame it on the women, saying the women are the heavy drinkers and that actually the village as a whole is abstemious. But the receipts of the town's two pubs prove 25,000 pounds expenditure.

Indians Get 5 Mill on For 93-Year-Old Claim

WASHINGTON — The U. S. court of claims entered a judgment settling for $5,021,842.34 a claim of the Indians of California which has harassed the legislative, executive and judicial branches of the federal government—not to mention the Indians —for almost a whole century.

The court's judgment in effect "ratified" 18 treaties rejected by the senate in 1852.

French Joyous, Foe Raze Town

Nazis Ravage Valley When People Defy Himmler's Demand for Labor.

GERARDMER, FRANCE — The Germans burned and blasted 30 miles of the once beautiful Meurthe river countryside of eastern France in an orgy of destruction planned as methodically as a military campaign, the mayor of this ruined town said.

Special engineers crated pyres of gasoline and straw, weighted down with furniture, in most homes and farm buildings. Large houses were destroyed with aerial bombs. Special squads went through factories and broke up all machines with sledgehammers.

The 60-year-old mayor, Andre Boucher, told about the destruction after correspondents had driven through the valley of the Meurthe en route from the American Seventh army to the French First army sector. The valley was a scene of incredible destruction. Almost all the houses, whether clustered in hamlets or isolated far up the mountainsides, were destroyed by fire or explosives.

Carefully Planned.

The houses were destroyed by a special SS "Command Post for Destruction," which, the mayor said, descended upon Gerardmer on November 9. The area was divided into sections, each under a chief of destruction. All were connected by phone with a central headquarters, where a lowering SS officer sat with a map on which was drawn the plan of devastation.

The mayor said Heinrich Himmler, German gestapo chief, had visited Gerardmer on September 7 to confer with six German generals. While taking a cold bath in the lake, Himmler saw many boys and girls enjoying themselves.

"How is it," Himmler demanded of the mayor, "that these French youths are able to amuse themselves while the young men of Germany fight for the Fatherland?"

That night, the mayor said, a German soldier brought him an order from Himmler that all males from 14 to 60 must be assembled to build fortifications for the Germans. On November 8 the Germans took 600 men off to the woods, but 500 escaped. The next day the mayor was ordered to appear before the German commandant, who showed him a map with a small area in the center outlined in red ink.

All to Be Destroyed.

"He told me that the entire population of that area, 11 by 8 miles, must join together in an area less than a square mile, which would be spared from destruction," the mayor said. "Everything, the commandant said, would be destroyed. He said he did not know why—that it was an order from above."

That day the Germans went into action as the people of the valley fearfully assembled in their assigned place. By November 16, the mayor said, all the houses were burning.

"On November 18 the Germans were gone and we were alone in our ruins," the mayor said. "On November 19 the French arrived. There was no demonstration. We were glad to see them. But what sorrow they could not have come a day or two earlier."

Doctor Installs Movie Machine in Wa'tng Room

BUFFALO, N. Y. — Patients don't mull over old magazines while waiting to see Dr. Harold B. Johnson —they "take in a movie" instead.

Dr. Johnson has installed motion pictures in his waiting room. Equipment consists of a projector and screen, complete with sound.

The doctor, a general practitioner, says his work multiplied many times since the beginning of the war, and he wanted to make waiting pleasant. He gets two reels weekly. During the brief interval when reels are being changed, lights come on automatically and the radio plays. The projector is operated by a girl assistant.

J. B. WHITEHEAD

Mr. John Brackenage Whitehead, 84, retired farmer, who had been living in Lynchburg, died Monday in a Lynchburg hospital. He was born in Appomattox County April 3, 1860, the son of the late Robert W. and Lucy Grow Whitehead. He was a member of Trinity Methodist Church, this county.

Funeral services were conducted from Trinity Church yesterday at 2 o'clock. Interment was in the Grow family cemetery.

Hope for milder weather to ease fuel crisis.

Americans find severe shortage of food in Manila.

Japanese are reported making plans for eventual evacuation of Shanghai.

Say Russians want German labor to rebuild their country after the war.

De Gaulle reported not to be at Big Three Conference.

Butter supplies this month are slightly less than in January.

We used three million pounds of butter daily in January.

U. S. may allocate some merchant ships to France.

400-Year-Old Quarry Is Largest French Shelter

PARIS. — The world's largest single air raid shelter, a 400-year-old underground stone quarry, is being viewed with the greatest interest by U. S. Eighth air force officers conducting a bombardment inquiry.

The quarry, used in prewar days to grow mushrooms, is near the Renault automobile plant and was converted to a shelter to accommodate 20,000 plant workers. Its 100,000 square feet of floor space is an orderly labyrinth of connected tunnels 10 feet high and 50 miles in length.

Brother Meets Sister On Far Pacific Island

SEATTLE, WASH. — It happened on a far Pacific island — Clifford Derosia Jr., machinist's mate second class with the coast guard, was doing shore patrol and warned a WAC she was walking toward an out-of-bounds area. It was his sister, Ruth. He had returned for a rest period after service at Leyte and she had been tranferred from an Australian base. They had been separated 19 months.

COLORED DOTS

A large crowd attended the regular monthly meeting of the Health for Victory Club at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday evening at 4 o'clock. The program was presented by several teachers of the county, with a special address by G.L. James, County Agent.

The funeral services of Booker Hancock were conducted at the Promise Land Baptist Church last Friday at 3 P.M., with Rev. J. A. Carter, pastor, officiating. Music was rendered by the church choir. Telegrams, condolences and resolutions were read by R. Q. Lawing. He was 85 years old. Besides his wife he leaves two sons, six daughters and a number of grandchildren and a few great grandchildren. Interment was in the church cemetery.

A special service will be held at the Mount Zion Church, Red House this Sunday at 8 P. M. The pastor of the church will be the speaker. At the close of the service a rally for the purchase of robes will be conducted.

A large crowd attended the regular preaching service at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday. The pastor, Rev. Yates preached a topical sermon from the text, "The enemies of mankind." The church choir rendered special music. The offering during the day was very good.

The men's club met immediately after the morning service. The club voted to hold its next meeting at the home of Rev. N. R. Jordan on Thursday night before the first in March.

Services will be conducted in the following churches Sunday:

First Baptist, Appomattox, Rev. N. R. Jordan, pastor. Church School at 10:30, preaching at 11:30.

Mount Sailoh, Spout Spring, Rev. G. L. Taylor, pastor, Church School at 10:30, preaching at 11:30.

Canaan, Vera, Rev. C. A. Marshall, pastor. Preaching at 12 noon.

Mount Obed, Rev. G. M. Lee, pastor, preaching at 12 o'clock.

Miss LaVaughn Hasking, of Virginia State College, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Jordan.

Rev. Yates, Miss Stephens and Mr. and Mrs. George Beasley were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Sawing Sunday.

The young men's business club will meet in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Johnson, Jr. Friday.

The Morning Star Elementary School was destroyed by fire Thursday evening.

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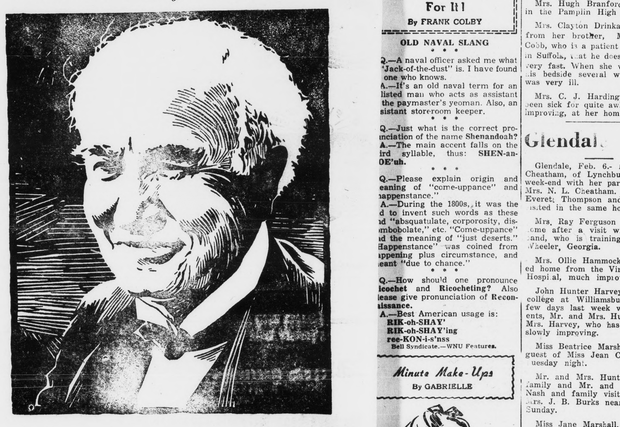

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VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

Alfred D. Reckley, 21, Pittsburgh, Pa., radio operator, can smile now. War Bonds are providing treatment for the wounds he sustained while flying a bomber on a mission over Central Germany. Reckley says others will be wounded and will need help.

A piece of shrapnel sent Pfc. Charles Shropshire, 21, Lexington, Ky., to the hospital, where his leg wound is mending, thanks to War Bonds. Shropshire was wounded in a sudden Nazi assault while setting up a machine gun on a Belgium front, when the enemy shell struck close enough to wound. Buy more Bonds, Shropshire urges, so that the business of war can be brought to a successful conclusion quicker.

Tech. Sgt. Paul Fordham, 21, Southampton, N. Y., was one of three injured when an Eighth Air Force Flying Fortress took a shelling over Germany. The damaged plane got home, but Sgt. Fordham's B-17 crew was knocked out with a shattered left thigh. Now he has an extra word for all the people at home who buy War Bonds to heal wounded fighters of the present and at the same time assuring ample, speedy treatment for others yet to be wounded.

U. S. Treasury Department

Afternoon Dress

The peplum fashion in a one-piece dress is good style for afternoon wear. The bright green crepe top with black crepe skirt is belted in a combination of the black crepe with gold kid. This New York design is Capri original.

Take My Word For It!

By FRANK COLBY

OLD NAVAL SLANG

Q.—A naval officer asked me what "Jack-of-the-dust" is. I have found one who knows.

A.—It's an old naval term for an assistant man who acts as assistant to the paymaster's yeoman. Also, an assistant storeroom keeper.

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Q.—Just what is the correct pronunciation of the name Shenandoah?

A.—The main accent falls on the third syllable, thus: SHEN-an-OE'uh.

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Q.—Please explain origin and meaning of "cure-uppance" and "happenstance."

A.—During the 1890s, it was the fad to invent such words as these. The "absquatulate, corporosity, discombobulate," etc. "Come-uppance" had the meaning of "just deserts." "Happenstance" was coined from "happening plus circumstance, and meant "due to chance."

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Q.—How should one pronounce "ricochet and Ricocheting?" Also please give pronunciation of Renaissance.

A.—Best American usage is:
RIK-oh-SHAY'
RIK-oh-SHAY'ing
ren-ne-KON-i-s'nss
Bell Syndicate.—WNU Features.

Minute Make-Ups

By GABRIELLE

Nothing peps you up so quickly as a beauty masque. Leave it on from 1 to 20 minutes. The results are good! Here's a formula for a homemade masque: 2 tablespoonfuls of cooked oatmeal, 2 tablespoonfuls of rose water, 4 tablespoonfuls of glycerine. Blend them together. Use a warm compress on the skin before you apply your masque.
Ledger Syndicate.—WNU Features.

Stonewall

Stonewall, Feb. 5.- We all hope the old ground hog isn't going to bring us bad weather. Hope he failed to see his shadow.

Rev. Zane Grey Ross filled his pupit at Hebron Church last Sunday morning at 11:30. He gave us a good sermon.

Misses Elizabeth Lee Carter and Mary Frances Jennings, of State Teachers College, Farmville, spent the week-end at their homes here.

Mrs. Anna Lee is spending this week with her sisters, Mrs. Lee Wheeler and Mrs. Florence Carson. Mrs. Carson has been sick for some time and we hope she will soon be well again.

Lt. and Mrs. Wayne Gregg, of Blacksburg, Va. spent the week-end with Rev. and Mrs. Zane Grey Ross.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jobe and son, Billy, and Mrs. Minnie Jobe spent last Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Turner.

Miss Sue Davidson, of Spout Spring spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Davidson. Mrs. Davidson is no better at this time.

Miss Mildred Morgan spent last Sunday with Miss Betsy Wheeler.

Miss Fay Thomas, of Washington spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Thomas.

Miss Lillie B. Davidson, of Richmond spent the week-end at her home near here.

Mr. and Mrs. Parks Jennings and daughter, Mary Frances were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Carson.

Mrs. Hugh Branford is teaching in the Pamplin High School.

Mrs. Clayton Drinkard had word from her brother, Mr. Herbert Cobb, who is a patient in a hospital in Suffolk, that he does not improve very fast. When she was called to his bedside several weeks ago he was very ill.

Mrs. C. J. Harding, who has been sick for quite awhile, is slowly improving, at her home near here.

Glendale

Glendale, Feb. 6.- Miss Beulah Cheatham, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Cheatham. Mr. and Mrs. Everet Thompson and family also visited in the same home.

Mrs. Ray Ferguson has returned home after a visit with her husband, who is training at Camp Wheeler, Georgia.

Mrs. Ollie Hammock has returned home from the Virginia Baptist Hospital, much improved.

John Hunter Harvey, who attends college at Williamsburg, spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Harvey. Mrs. Harvey, who has been sick, is slowly improving.

Miss Beatrice Marshall was the guest of Miss Jean Cheatham on Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Nash and family and Mr. and Mrs. Chap Nash and family visited Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Burks near Gladys last Sunday.

Miss Jane Marshall, who has a position in Lynchburg spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Marshall.

W. D. and M. I. Torrence, of Lynchburg spent Friday with their aunt, Mrs. N. L. Cheatham.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nash and son spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tweedy in Rustburg.

Mrs. J. R. English was in Lynchburg Wednesday.

Farmers have been busy with plant beds, and plowing.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nash spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cheatham. Mr. Cheatham expects to go to the army in a few days.

W. R. Franklin continues very sick. Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Franklin and son and Mr. and Mrs. Reese McKinney, of New York visited him last week.

Report 5th Division gets priority on furlough home.

Nor Seeing Any Chickens

RATION CALENDAR

Processed Foods: Blue Stamps: Z5, Y6, Z5, A2, B2 no wvalid, expire March 31. C2, D2, E2, F2, G2 K2, L2, M2 now valid, expire June 2.

Meats and Fats: Red Stamps: Q5, R5, s5S, now valid, expire March 31. T5, U5, V5, Z5 now valid, expire April 28. Y5 Z5, A2, B2, C2, D2, now valid, expire June 2.

Sugar: Sugar stamp No. 34 good for five pounds, expires February 28. Sugar Stamp No. 35 good for five pounds, expires June 2.

Shoes: Airplane Stamps 1, 2 and 3 now good.

Fuel Oil: Period 4 and 5 coupons from last year. Periods 1, 2 and 4 for this season, all valid for 10 gallons each.

Gasoline: A1-4 coupons are valid through March 21.

EVERGREEN 4-H CLUB

The Evergreen 4-H Club held its regular meeting Friday, January 19 at 10 o'clock. The president, Phylis Harvey, presided. Carrie Hodge acted as secretary due to the absence of Connie Mayberry. Mr. Alfred Price asked the club to collect paper for the scrap drive. Jimmy Harris was elected chairman of the program committee, since Dan Lawless, former chairman, has moved away. A play, Thrift, was presented. The characters were: C. W. Kurtz, Gray Simmons, Jimmy Harris, Doris Mann, Harold White, Jean Womack and Peggy Harris. New record books were given out. The boys decided on projects. The girls took break-making as their project. Mrs. B. G. Anderson told the girls about the garden project.

—C. W. Kurtz, reporter.

Potato rations are cut for the German public.

Food sent to Warsaw.

Beckham

Beckham, Feb. 6.- Mrs. Alice Grow spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Martin. Mrs. Maxine Story and Mrs. Allen Gardener spent the week-end in the same home.

Friends and relatives were sorry to hear of the death of Mr. J. B. Whitehead. He died February 5 in Lynchburg. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at Trinity Church.

Mrs. Herman Moore is recovering from a recent illness.

Herman Moore, Jr. spent the week-end with his parents.

Charlene and Eunice Martin and Mrs. Jimmy Bethel, Jr., of Lynchburg spent the week-end with their parents.

Virginia Morris spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Winston Martin.

Pvt. Claude Martin, who has been in the hospital for three and a half months, is back on duty. He is stationed in Maryland.

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Clark have been visiting in the neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Martin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Martin and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Eural Martin, of Lynchburg.

Colina and Frances Drinkard spent the week-end with their parents.

Mrs. H. O. Martin and Mrs. Winston Martin spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Eural Martin, of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Martin, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Martin and Faye and Virginia Morris and Mr. and Mrs. Judson Morris and family spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs. Joel Martin.

Koreans on Tinian Island give their cash to help U. S. war effort.

The Russian Army has liberated more than 100,000 French war prisoners in its recent advance.

Congressman Woodrum says he will be candidate for next Virginia vacancy in U. S. Senate.

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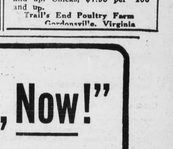

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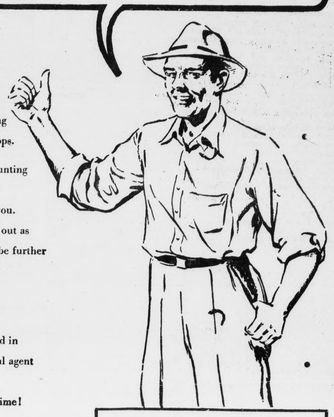

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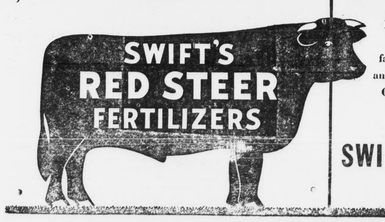

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